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## **LEE'S SUMMIT ATTORNEY PLEADS GUILTY TO FAILING TO PAY TAXES**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Lee's Summit, Mo., attorney pleaded guilty in federal court today to failing to pay his federal income tax.

**Phillip A. Brooks**, 39, of Lee's Summit, pleaded guilty before U.S. Chief Magistrate Judge John T. Maughmer this morning to failing to pay his federal income tax for the tax year 2000.

**Brooks** had a taxable income of \$171,386 in 2000, Graves said, on which he owed federal taxes of \$29,198.

Under federal statutes, **Brooks** could be subject to a sentence of up to one year in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$100,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelson. It was investigated by Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation.

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